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SUBJ: RUMORED JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN RAPPROCHEMENT GENERATES

UPROAR AMONG FEDAYEEN

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1. AUG 21 TALKS BETWEEN PLO EX COMM DELEGATION, LED BY PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALID AL FAHOUM AND SA'IQA'S ZUHAYR MUHSEN AND PRES SADAT IN CAIRO HAVE OCCASIONED NEW SPATE OF RUMORS AND NEWS REPORTS HERE THAT CERTAIN TOP FEDAYEEN LEADERS MAY AGAIN BE COOPERATING WITH WHAT ARE SEEN AS EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT RAPPROCHEMENT WITH JORDAN. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RUMOR-MILL SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AS RECENT HIGH LEVEL CHANGES WITHIN GOJ, IMPROVED JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS, SADAT'S ALLEGED CONTINUED ATTACHMENT TO PALESTINIAN STATE CON-

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CEPT, AND KING HUSSEIN'S "WILLINGNESS" TO SHELVE HIS

WEST BANK FEDERATION PLAN ARE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE ENCOURAGING THIS TREND, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PERMIT RETURN OF FEDAYEEN UNITS TO EAST JORDAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EASTERN ARAB COMMAND IN CONFORMITY WITH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT ARAB FOM/DEF MINISTERS CONFERENCES AT KUWAIT AND CAIRO IN LATE 1972-EARLY 1973.

2. FATAH'S DIE-HARD NO. 2, SALAH KHALAF, HAS ALREADY DENOUNCED "PALESTINIAN CURRENTS" WHO FAVOR DIALOGUE WITH AMMAN AND REAFFIRMED HIS TOTAL HOSTILITY TO HUSSEIN'S REGIME (FBIS M-242020). AT SAME TIME, FEDAYEEN PROPAGANDA ORGANS HERE (NOTABLY PLO'S Wafa BULLETIN AND WEEKLY PALESTINE REVOLUTION) HAVE BEGUN UNUSUALLY STRIDENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANY KIND OF MEDIATION WITH GOJ. SAME ORGANS HAVE ALSO STEPPED UP THEIR DIATRIBES AGAINST PALESTINIAN STATE CONCEPT AND PEACEFUL ME SETTLEMENT, VOWING THAT FEDAYEEN WILL TORPEDO ALL "SUSPECT MOVES" IN THOSE DIRECTIONS AS WELL.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN IN PAST HOW FEDAYEEN GET THEMSELVES IN TIZZY OVER DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT TURN OUT TO BE MOSTLY IMAGINARY. IT IS INDEED POSSIBLE, IF PAST EXPERIENCE IS ANY GUIDE, THAT CERTAIN FEDAYEEN LEADERS (EVEN INCLUDING 'ARAFAT, IF HE THOUGHT HE COULD PULL IT OFF) ARE ONCE AGAIN SECRETLY PLAYING FOOTsie WITH SADAT IN SOME NEW MOVE TO REMOVE JORDAN FROM ITS ARAB ISOLATION IN HOPES OF REGAINING A COMMANDO PRESENCE ON EAST BANK. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THIS SO, SEEMS CLEAR THAT FEDAYEEN HARD-LINERS SMELL SOMETHING FISHY AND ARE INTENT ON STOPPING IT. AS EVIDENCE OF THEIR PARANOIA, WE NOTE MANY OF THEM INSIST ON SOMEHOW LINKING UNSYG WALDHEIM'S CURRENT ME VISIT WITH "DEFEATIST" PROPOSALS FOR CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE. DECON 8/27/74.  
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